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SUBJECT: LAO REFUGEES IN THAILAND

1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON AUGUST 28, FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI DENIED THAT HIGH RANKING RIGHT WING LAO REFUGEES IN THAILAND WERE BEING "CHASED OUT" OF THE COUNTRY, BUT DID STATE THAT THEY WERE BEING ASKED TO LEAVE AS SOON AS THEY COULD FIND OTHER COUNTRIES OF REFUGE.

2. IN "THE VOICE OF THE NATION" OF SEPTEMBER 2, C ATCHAI IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT TWO RIGHT WING LAO LEADERS DEPARTED THAILAND FOR THE UNITED STATES OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY WERE GEN. SUDCHAI VONGSAVAN, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE 4TH MR AND GSH. UDON SANANIKONE. CHATCHAI SAID THAT FOUR REMAINING LAO RIGHTIST LEADERS WERE PREPARING TO DEPART IN THE NEAR FUTURE, EITHER FOR FRANCE OR THE U.S.

3. DESPITE CHATCHAI'S DISCLAIMERWN IT IS APPARENT THAT
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THE RTG IS APPLYING DISCREET PRESSURE TO ASSURE THE RAPID

DEPARTURE OF PROMINENT LAO RIGHTISTS. WE EXPECT THE
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